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Raised Bill No. 1162

LCO No. 3922

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING USING ENERGY EFFICIENT WINDOWS IN
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

4 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply
5 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this
6 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project
7 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of
8 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or
9 reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to
10 authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply
11 to the Commissioner of Education for and to accept or reject such grant
12 for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be
13 made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school
14 district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the
15 Commissioner of Education. The application form shall require the
16 superintendent of schools to affirm that (A) the school district

17 considered the maximization of natural light and the use and
 18 feasibility of wireless connectivity technology in projects for new
 19 construction and alteration or renovation of a school building, and (B)
 20 the school district will use high energy efficient windows, meeting
 21 standards adopted by regulation pursuant to section 10-287c. Until
 22 such regulations are adopted, the school district shall, in its
 23 application, describe an industry standard for high energy efficiency
 24 that it will use in procuring high energy efficient windows for the
 25 project. Grant applications for school building projects shall be
 26 reviewed by the Commissioner of Education on the basis of categories
 27 for building projects and standards for school construction established
 28 by the State Board of Education in accordance with this section,
 29 provided grant applications submitted for purposes of subsection (a)
 30 of section 10-65 or section 10-76e shall be reviewed annually by the
 31 commissioner on the basis of the educational needs of the applicant.
 32 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Board of Trustees
 33 of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Manchester
 34 Community College may apply for and shall be eligible to receive
 35 grants for school building projects pursuant to section 10-264h.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-283(a)(1)
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Statement of Purpose:

To require windows in public school construction projects to be highly energy efficient.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]